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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Maurice ZAUDERER

Appl. No. 08/935,377

Filed: September 22, 1997

For: **Methods for Selecting
Polynucleotides Encoding T Cell
Epitopes**

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Examiner: DeCloux, A.M.

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 37), Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a),